

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement in the Office Action in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. In response, Applicants elect the group I invention as set forth in claims 1-6.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicants make the election without traverse.

Further, Applicants were required to elect a single species from the elected Group. In response, Applicants elect species of Example 2, which falls within claims 1-4 and 6.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the remarks herein, Applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection made in the instant application has been successfully overcome or obviated. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of the current application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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